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MEMORANDUM TO: Commander, 4070th Support Wing

SUBJECT : U-2 Checkout

1. In order to broaden the understanding and experience of headquarters personnel with the operation of the U-2, it is desired that the rated pilots assigned to the operations section of headquarters be checked out in the U-2.

2. Attached is a list of personnel whom I desire to be given U-2 checkouts. Such checkouts should include at least the first three missions as given to your regular pilots. Since it is not intended to provide suits for these people, of necessity they must be restricted below 45,000 feet. Such training should be conducted starting on or after 7 January 1957.

3. In discussion with [REDACTED] of your organization, it was determined that it would be of assistance to you in determining how much would be involved as well as how much time each individual would be absent from headquarters if you had a brief rundown of each person's experience. This is also provided on the attached list.

4. It is desired that the orientation include:

- a. T-33 ground school.
- b. T-33 checkout (on a proficiency basis).
- c. U-2 ground school.
- d. U-2 checkout (at least first three missions).

5. Based on what has been set forth above and not to interfere with any prior commitments, desire you cable to headquarters the information listed below.

a. Total calendar days for T-33 ground school. All pilots to receive the same.

b. Total calendar days to qualify each individual in the T-33. This should be listed by individual pilot based on your best estimate taking his past experience into consideration. It is emphasized that actual checkout to be to your satisfaction on a proficiency basis.

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c. Total calendar days for U-2 ground school. This should include that which is necessary to execute the first three missions as well as an explanation of the necessary mission equipment.

d. Total calendar days to enable each individual to fly the first three U-2 missions.

6. It will be necessary that you provide required personal equipment.

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Colonel, USAF

Encl:
List of Personnel

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LIST OF PERSONNEL

25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED]

a. Total Pilot Time	3200
b. Total SE Jet	100
c. Last flight SE Jet	Sept. '55
d. Types a/c flown	B-47, B-45, B-25, B-24, B-29, B-17, C-47, C-45, C-78, B-34, P-40, L-Types, T-33

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED]

a. Total Pilot Time	4500
b. Total SE Jet	60
c. Last flight SE Jet	Sept. '56
d. Types a/c flown	RB-45, RB-50, B-50, RB-29, B-17, C-47, C-78, B-25, T-33

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED]

a. Total Pilot Time	5000
b. Total SE Jet	5
c. Last flight SE Jet	Jan. '51
d. Types a/c flown	B-24, B-17, B-29, C-47, C-119, C-82, B-23, B-26, F-51, T-6, T-28, T-33, C-45

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a. Total Pilot Time	2700
b. Total SE Jet	140
c. Last flight SE Jet	June '56
d. Types a/c flown	T-33, F-86, P-47, P-40, P-51, B-26 (Douglas), B-25, C-47, T-6, C-45

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5. [REDACTED]

a. Total Pilot Time	5500
b. Total SE Jet	0
c. Last flight SE Jet	NA
d. Types a/c flown	T-6, PQ-34, F-36, B-26 (Marin) B-17, B-24, GA 10, C-74, C-47, B-26 (Douglas)

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6. [REDACTED]

a. Total Pilot Time	2000
b. Total SE Jet	9
c. Last flight SE Jet	10 May '56
d. Types of a/c flown	C-47, C-45, C-74, T-33, T-29, B-23, B-29, B-17, B-26, F-10, F-9, T-6, F-51.